

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 2015

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Fire Department completed interviews.
2. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we had a literacy meeting. The program will be housed in the old Salvation Army building.
3. We had a ribbon cutting for the Dollar Tree.
4. Santa Clause came to town. There was also a Coat's for Kids program.
5. We had our capital planning retreat on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
6. On the 30<sup>th</sup> we had a spec building meeting, and a Rushville property revitalization program. At the next meeting we will probably reintroduce 8 pieces of property.
7. Today I attended an EMS hazard mitigation program.
8. There will be an IEDA meeting at Richmond on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
9. The Ocra award will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
10. The ECDC Christmas party will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
11. There will be a Bicentennial flag raising on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
12. Brad Miley was inducted to the Indiana Basket Hall of Fame.
13. We were awarded the Rushview storm water grant for a total of \$382,000.00.
14. We have turned in the request for legal drain for the Flatrock retention pond.
15. We are hoping the work on the Farmers Market will start Thursday.
16. Tomorrow we will find out if the regional Workforce Development grant was awarded.
17. Received an email from IACT regarding sponsoring legislation to increase access for downtown liquor licenses for downtown redevelopment. We need to notify if we are interested. Council was in agreement to support this.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2015-19 for the EMS. Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-19. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – They are completing the main band selection.
- **Marketing** – Sheehan said they are having issues with scheduling.
- **APC/BZA** – There will be a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. The applicants will be reviewed and cut to 3 for interviews.
- **City Center** – Mayor Pavey thanked Carfax Abbey for the event which raised \$2,000.00 towards the Princess project.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – No update.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said the radio console has been installed.

He said he received a letter from RCCF regarding a grant for radios. The grant was approved and also increased to purchase 3 radios instead of the 2 that were requested.

**Street** – Street Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works gave him permission to purchase an excavator.

Tomorrow they will begin landscaping at the police department.

They are almost finished picking up leaves.

**Park** – Director Gurley said he is still waiting on the boundary maps from the auditor for the master plan.

He is waiting on the quote for the plumbing fixtures for the pool.

Gurley has contacted Oler Fencing to get an estimate for repairs to the fence at the pool.

They will be doing some remodeling to the kitchen at Booker T.

Gurley said he is working with the City Attorney to develop contracts for instructors for future programs.

He is working with the Boys & Girls Club to host programs. He will oversee the basketball program at the Boys & Girls Club.

Today Gurley moved his office to the Street Department.

**Animal** – Warden Moran said she currently has a fund raising drive going on throughout town collecting supplies for the shelter.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to-date reports. He said the number of EMS calls is currently where we ended last year.

The Board of Works hired Samuel Resh from Greenfield contingent upon Perf approval.

**BEP** - Jenkins said Holman has begun the process of getting utilities removed, and IDEM notification for demolition on the first set of BEP properties. The removal of asbestos on the second set of properties will begin Thursday. Then they will advertise for demolition.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Conner asked if we had a court date on 1226 Baker Street. Pavey said we are still waiting on a date.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Waggoner Pool** – Nothing new.
2. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – Several questions are being addressed. Council instructed Moran to build the ordinance to her satisfaction. Conner made a motion to table. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **NEW Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision** – The ordinances are being reviewed. Shelly Wakefield said most utilities are in an easement. Smith said we need to be sure that drainage isn't allowed to go on other land owner's property. Wakefield said it would currently go through the County Drainage Board. Newhouse said currently a drainage plan must be submitted. If the plan doesn't work then they aren't allowed to build. Pavey said he thought we need to get the ordinances in place and when we get a director they will determine if the ordinances work.

Wakefield said the next steps will be to go to the Advisory Board on December 17th. They will give a recommendation for the Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinances. Council will then adopt the ordinance, with final adoption on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Determine List of Council Appointments** – Berkemeier made a motion to appoint Jeff Houser and Shawn Adkins to the advisory board. He then rescinded his motion. Sheehan made a motion to appoint Jeff Houser, Shawn Adkins, and Brad Berkemeier to the governing board. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council will make their BZA appointment at the next meeting.

5. **Approve Petition for Legal Drain** – The Mayor has signed the petition.
6. **Approve Petition to Re-Zone Final 15 Acres along HWY 52** – This has been signed by the Mayor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Juvenile Diversion Program/Community Service** – Chief Tucker said he has been discussing this program with the Prosecutor. The reserve officers would supervise those juveniles that they opt not to prosecute. They must have supervision. We will host 8 hours of community service per month. \$15 per hour will go towards the reserve's fund. The following items will be in place: an agreement with waiver will be signed, there will be official rules, a code of conduct will be signed, and an outline of rules. It was also suggested by the Board of Works that this program would only be done by non-probationary reserves. Tucker said he would like to have Council's decision by the next meeting.
2. **End of Year/Appointments 2016** – The Mayor will have Carla prepare a list of appointments that need to be made.
3. **Food and Beverage Tax** - Pavey said he spoke with Representative Saunders and he agreed to author the bill. He has asked for a letter of support from Council and the Mayor. Berkemeier made a motion to issue letters of support. Bridges asked if we have to designate a specific purpose. Pavey said yes, and ours would be education. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Gas Bids** – One bid was received from Country Mark. Smith made a motion to approve the fixed rate giving permission to Sheehan to negotiate the gallons. Conner seconded the motion. Sheehan abstained from the vote.

**CLAIMS:** Smith made a motion to approve the additional claim of \$4,000.00 to purchase a 4 wheeler to plow snow in the downtown area. Sheehan seconded the motion. Bridges made a motion to approve the regular and month end claims. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.